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Economic Empowerment of SCs
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to commemorate the current financial year as the year of Economic Empowerment for SC entrepreneurs and if so, the details thereof along with the initiatives being taken in this regard;

(b) the number of SC entrepreneurs targeted to avail the benefits thereunder;

(c) whether the Government proposes to constitute a National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub in the Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises Sector and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(d) the other steps being taken by the Government for the economic empowerment of the Scheduled Castes in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)

(a) & (b): A number of initiatives have been taken for the Economic Empowerment of Scheduled Castes. However, there is no decision to commemorate the current financial year as the year of Economic Empowerment for SC entrepreneurs.

(c)The Finance Minister in his Budget Speech of financial year 2016-17 has announced to constitute a National Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Hub in the MSME Ministry in partnership with industry associations. This Hub will provide professional support to Scheduled caste and scheduled tribe entrepreneurs to fulfil the obligations under the Central Government procurement policy 2012, adopt global best practices and leverage the Stand Up initiative.

(d) The details are given in Annexure-I.